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Service Date: September 24, 1981

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)
of the Town of Ennis For Authority)
to Adopt Increased Water Rates.)
_____)

UTILITY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 81.7.65
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4842

On July 22, 1981, the Town of Ennis (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the applicant to increase its water rates to provide additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation to maintain, repair, and improve the water utility facilities and to meet increased capital expenditures. The proposed increase will generate approximately \$6,200 in additional revenues annually.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was published in the August 20, 1981, edition of the Madisonian, Virginia City, Montana and the August 17, 1981 edition of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by September 11, 1981, an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. On August 14, 1980, the Town Council of the Town of Ennis passed Resolution No. 210 setting water rates at the proposed level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation to maintain, repair, and improve the water utility facilities and to meet capital expenditures.

5. The City anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$6,200.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.

2. Interested persons were given proper notice and an opportunity to request a public hearing on this matter.

3. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

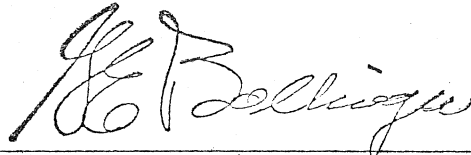
1. The following rates are authorized:

0-3000 gallons	\$6.00 minimum
Next 1,000 gallons	1.10 per thousand
Next 3,000 gallons	.84 per thousand
Next 3,000 gallons	.78 per thousand
Next 10,000 gallons	.65 per thousand
Next 20,000 gallons	.39 per thousand
Over 40,000 gallons	.27 per thousand

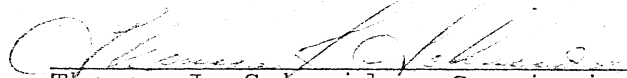
2. These rates shall be effective for all water services rendered on and after September 21, 1981.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on September 21, 1981
by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.



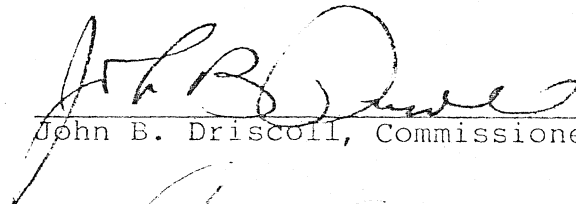
Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman



Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner



Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

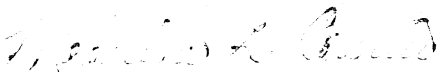


John B. Driscoll, Commissioner



Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion For Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion For Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. The Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec 2-4-702, MCA, and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.4806, ARM.